

Governor Ducey's
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Childhelp Programs Overview



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Agenda



- Resources offered at Childhelp
- Role of Advocacy Centers
- Clinical Services Available
- Recent Opioid Trends
- New OVC Grant-funded Program
- Eligibility
- Outreach/Awareness & Training Opportunities



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National Day of Hope





National Hotline

National Child Abuse Hotline

1-800-4-A-CHILD (1-800-422-4453)

- Available 24/7
- Confidential
- Staffed by professional counselors





Services

- National Hotline Provides:
 - Information
 - Education
 - Crisis counseling
 - Support
 - Referrals to community resources
- Answers approximately 100,000 calls per year
- Assistance in over 170 languages
- AZ and DC locations
- Pilot text program
- Pilot Live Chat program in Arizona





Reach

In fiscal year 2017,

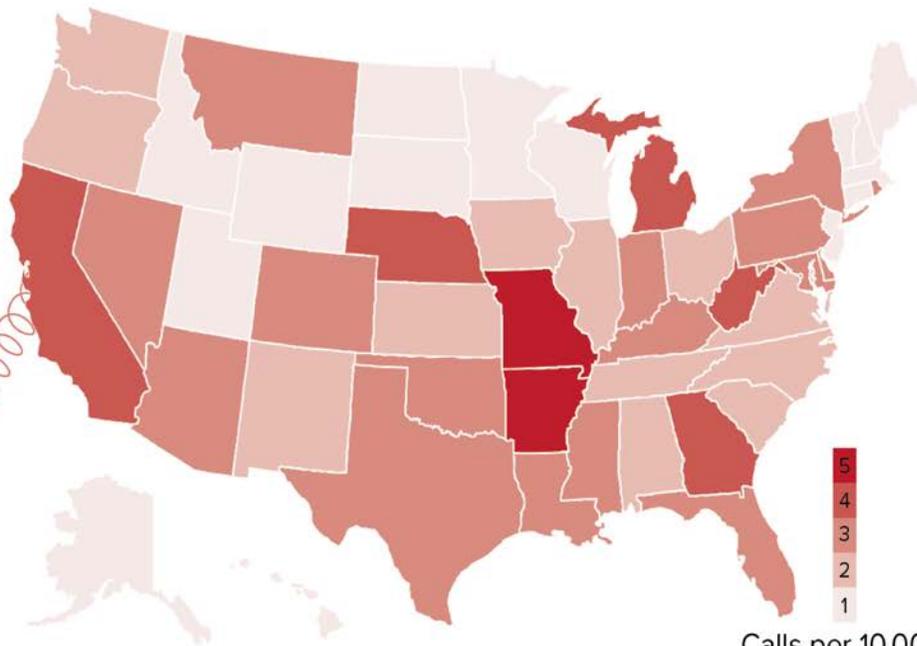
114,990

CALLS AND TEXTS WERE RECEIVED

from children at risk for abuse, distressed parents seeking crisis intervention and concerned relatives, educators, and law enforcement who suspect child abuse may be occurring.

TOP 3 STATES | Calls per Capita

State	Calls (per 10,000)	Population (2017)
Missouri	6.68	6,113,532
Arkansas	6.44	3,004,279
West Virginia	4.93	1,815,857



Calls per 10,000 Residents (2017)





Gila County Mobile Unit



- Established in 2003 in partnership with the Safe Child Center at the Flagstaff Medical Center
- Team of part-time DFI and part-time VA's
- Provide forensic interviews and medical examinations and Advocacy services





Mobile Unit

- Soundproofed and updated medical and forensic interview rooms
- A child-friendly waiting area and restroom
- Address the immediate safety and well-being



Advocacy Centers



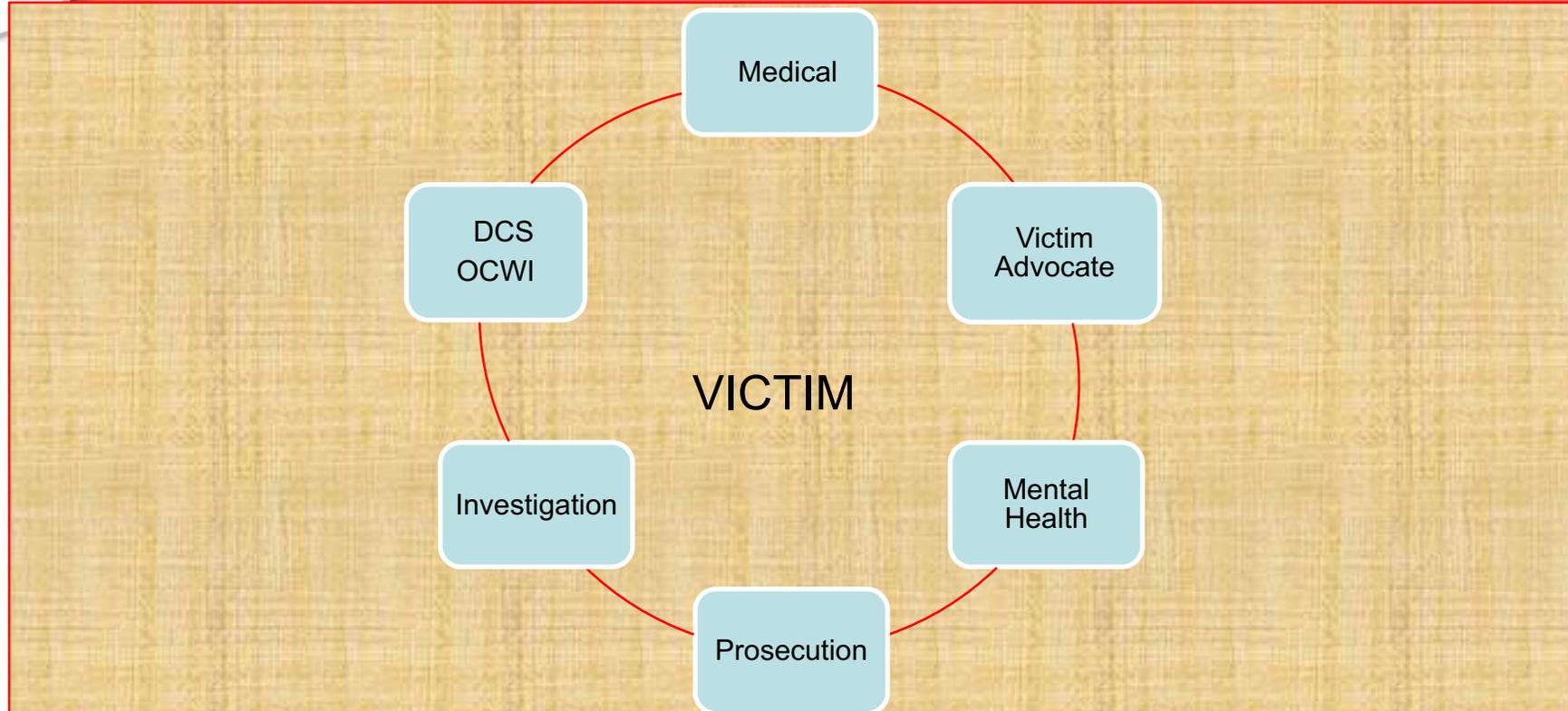
Generally



- Child-appropriate facility to support victim and families as well as decrease traumatization associated with investigation and improve healing
- One-Stop Shop
 - Promote multidisciplinary investigations
 - Coordinated Investigation Efforts of Child Crimes
 - On-Site Services: Forensic Interviews, Forensic Medical Exams, Forensically-Sensitive Therapy & Victim Advocacy
 - Facilitate case reviews to improve investigative outcomes



Advocacy Centers Team

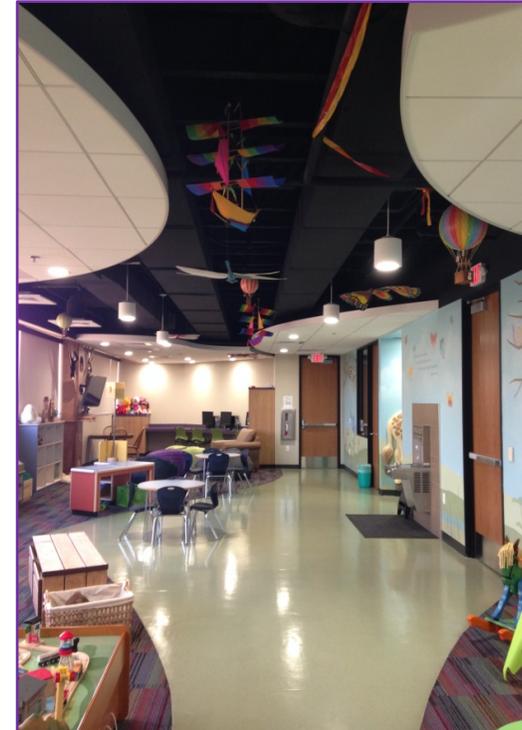


Advocacy Centers

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The goal of the Childhelp Children's Center is to provide advocacy and mental health services as well as coordinate efficient investigation resources and the MDT to address the immediate safety and complete well-being of children who are referred to the center





Advocacy Center Resources

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Playroom



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Medical Support



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Clinical Services Available at Childhelp



- Forensically-Sensitive Clinical Services
- Trauma-Informed Care
- Integrated Mental Health Services
 - Sensory Modulation
 - In-Home Family Therapy
 - On-Site Individual and Family Therapy



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Clinical Services Available at Childhelp



Eye
Movement
Desensitization &
Reprocessing



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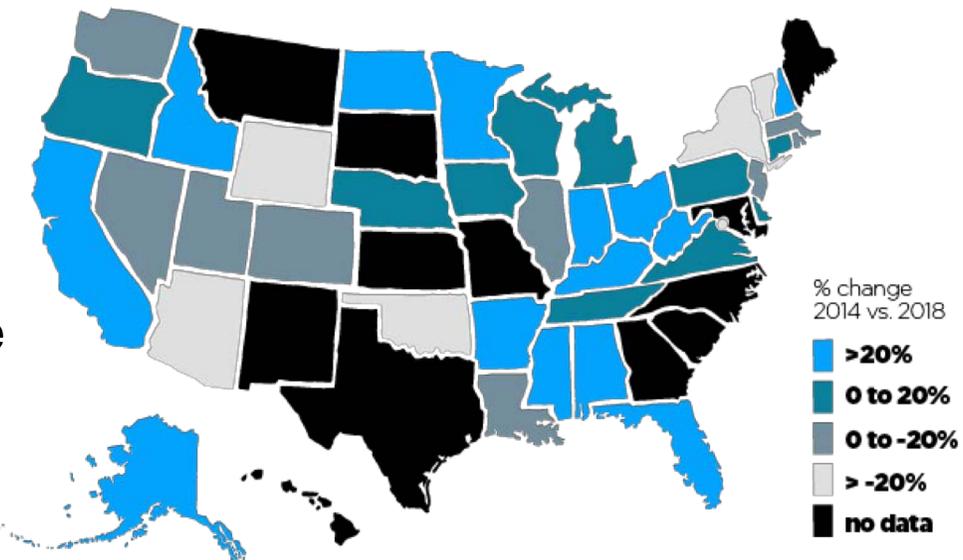
Child Abuse & Parental Substance Opioid Abuse



- In 2016, nationally the opioid epidemic contributed to the removal of over 437,500 children from parents
- Child Welfare/Protection programs showed an increase in the number of children victimized as a result of parental/caregiver opioid use

Children in foster care by state from 2014-2018

Many of the states hit hardest by the opioid crisis experienced **significant increases** in children entering the foster care system **between 2014 and 2018**.



Source: HHS, state agencies





Child Abuse & Parental Substance Opioid Abuse



**PARENTS
WHO
ABUSE DRUGS**

PARENTS THAT ABUSE DRUGS AND FAIL TO RECEIVE APPROPRIATE TREATMENT ARE MORE LIKELY TO HAVE THEIR CHILDREN REMAIN IN FOSTER CARE LONGER AND TO REENTER FOSTER CARE ONCE THEY HAVE RETURNED HOME.

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Child Abuse & Parental Substance Opioid Abuse



- 31 states reported 15.1% of child fatalities included caregiver drug abuse as a contributing factor (NCANDS, 2016)
- In Arizona, in 2018, there have been nearly 4,700 reports made to DCS involving substance use as a contributing factor to the child victimization



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Arizona Opioid Numbers

- Neonatal abstinence syndrome (NAS) is a condition that occurs when a newborn is exposed to opioid drugs while in the mother's womb.
- 2018: more than 800 cases in Arizona of babies born with possible drug-related withdrawal symptoms





Long term impact of substances on childhood trauma and adults



- Parents abusing substances result in direct harm to their children because of
 - Higher risk of overdose and death
 - Domestic violence
 - Mental illness
 - Multiple generations of traumatic events
- Infants born opiate-exposed suffer
 - Withdrawal
 - Lower fetal growth
 - Neuro-Behavioral Disorders



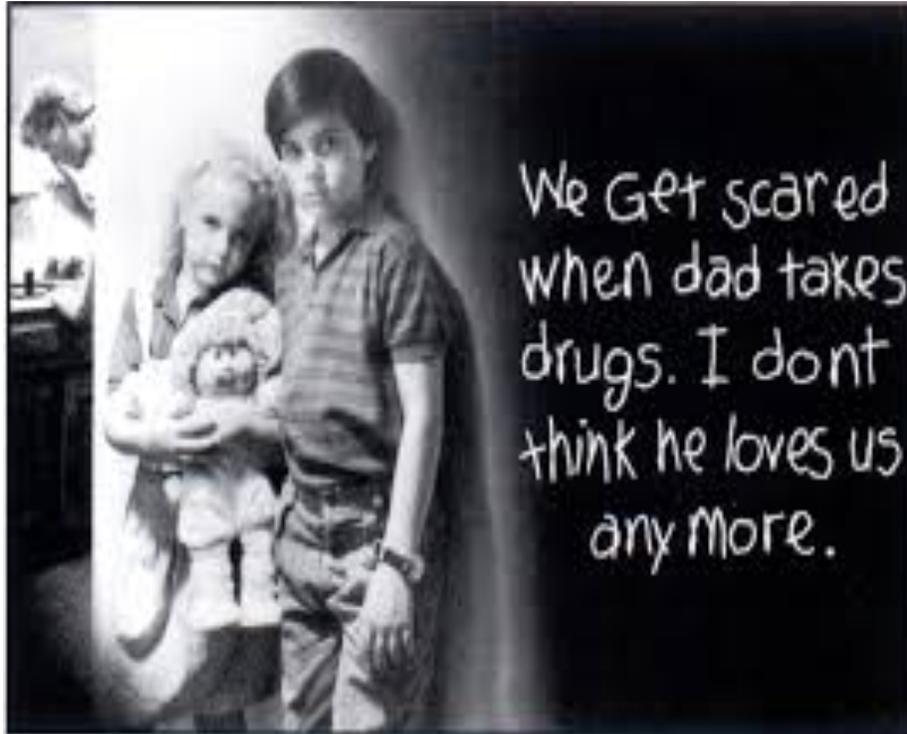


Parenting and Opioid Use

- A parent may forget or neglect to attend to parenting responsibilities.
- Parents may leave children alone while seeking, obtaining, or using the drug.
- Parents may "nod out" while under the influence of opioids and be unable to supervise or protect their children.
- Parents may expose their children to dealers, other users, and hence unsafe and dangerous situations.



Long term impact of substances on childhood trauma and adults



- A child with developmental-delays due to exposure to in-utero neurotoxins will experience complex
 - sensory, cognitive, social, and emotional symptoms that are more severe when compared to non-substance exposed children



Long term impact of substances on childhood trauma and adults

- These children are at greater risk of
 - Developing self harm behaviors
 - Depression
 - Anxiety
 - Reactive attachment disorder,
 - Post-traumatic stress disorder





Program Outline

- Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) through the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) released grant funding to provide treatment, community awareness, as well as increase community knowledge and engagement pertaining to the current opioid crisis
- Childhelp Children's Center is the only facility in Arizona that received this award





Program Outline

- 3-Year Grant Program
- Three Components to the Program
- Free to the community





Program Outline

1st Component: Enhance evidence-based treatment services that address the needs of these children and their non-offending family members





Program Outline

2nd Component: Educate and engage community members in a county-wide Awareness Campaign





Program Outline

3rd Component: Engage the community by developing and conducting specialized trainings/educational seminars

Topics can include:

- Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACES) and Trauma Informed Care
- Understanding the Impact of Substance Use on Children in the Child Welfare System
- Intervening With Children Who Have Suffered Victimization as a Result of Parental Use
- Highlighting the Destructive Cycle of Parental Opioid Use
- Assessing for Substance Use/Abuse in Medical Settings



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Questions/Comments



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FosterEd
Champions for System-Involved Solutions

Overview

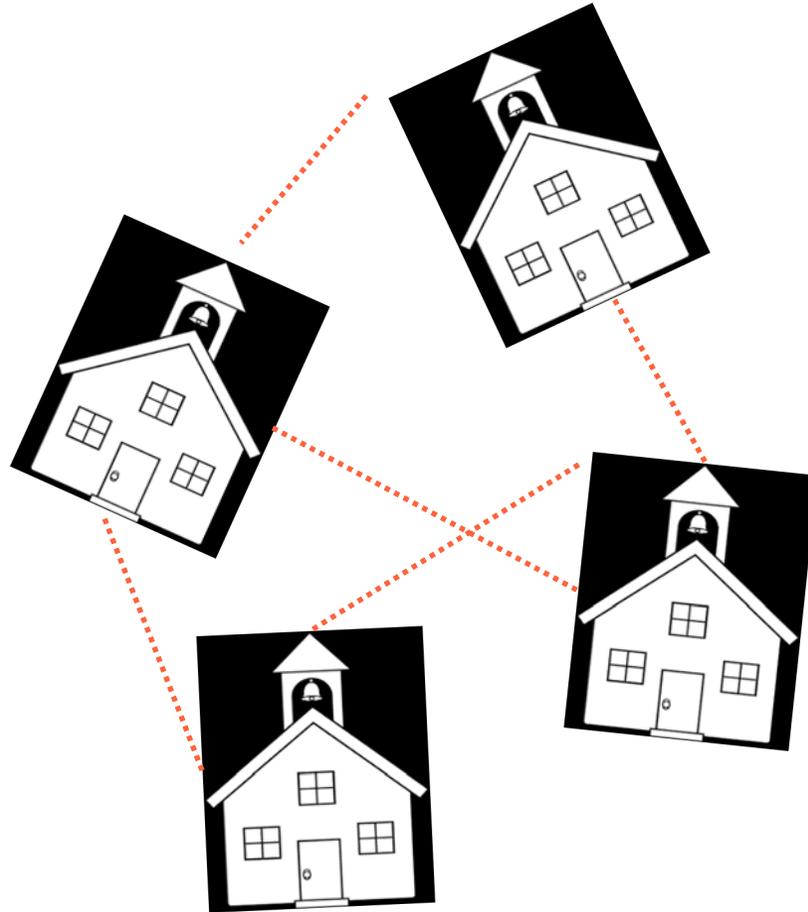
- FosterEd Program
- Annual Progress Report
- Preliminary Evaluation
- Mason's Story



Our Vision

Each and every youth in foster care will graduate from high school with a wide array of possibilities for their future

The Need

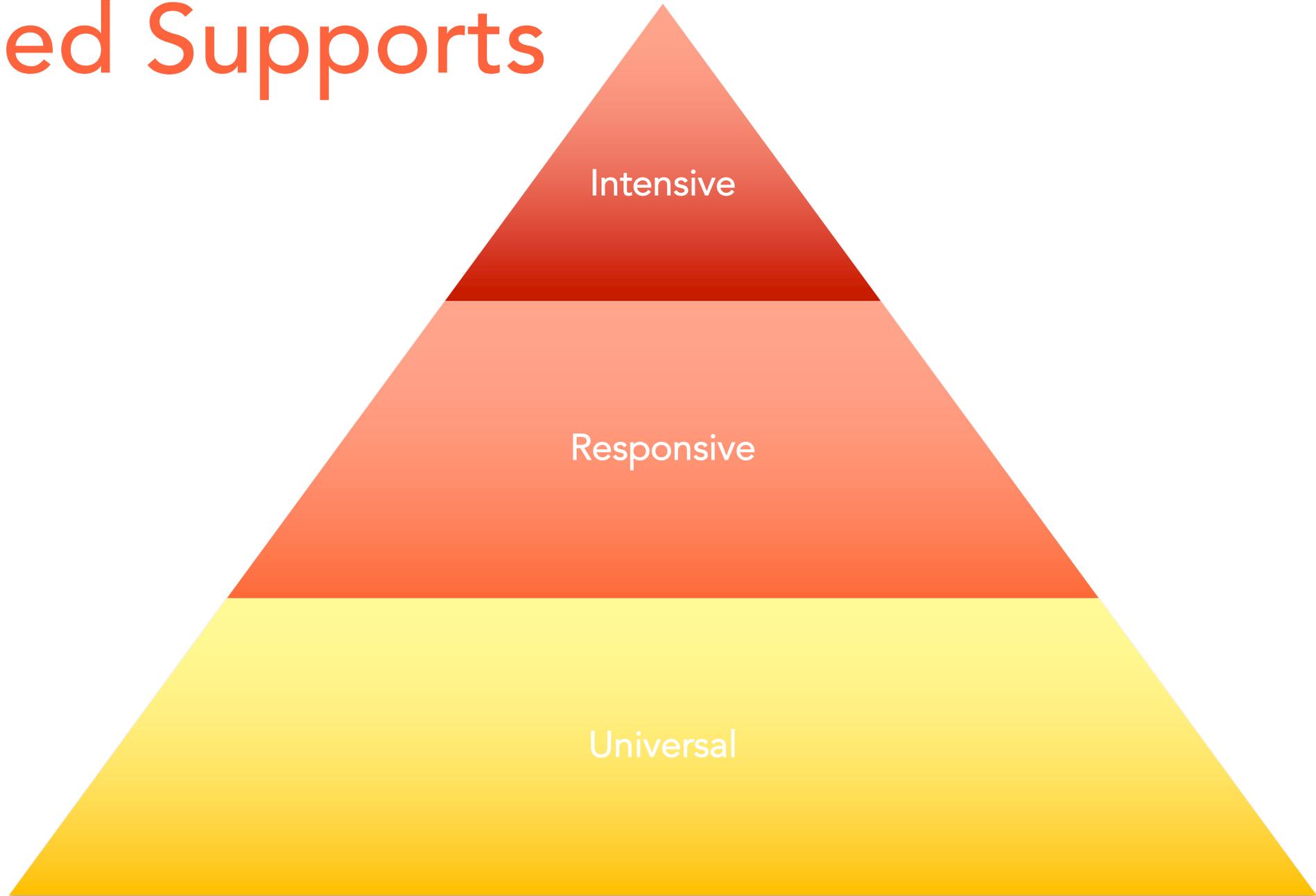


Practice Framework



Promoting student empowerment, connections, and engagement

Tiered Supports



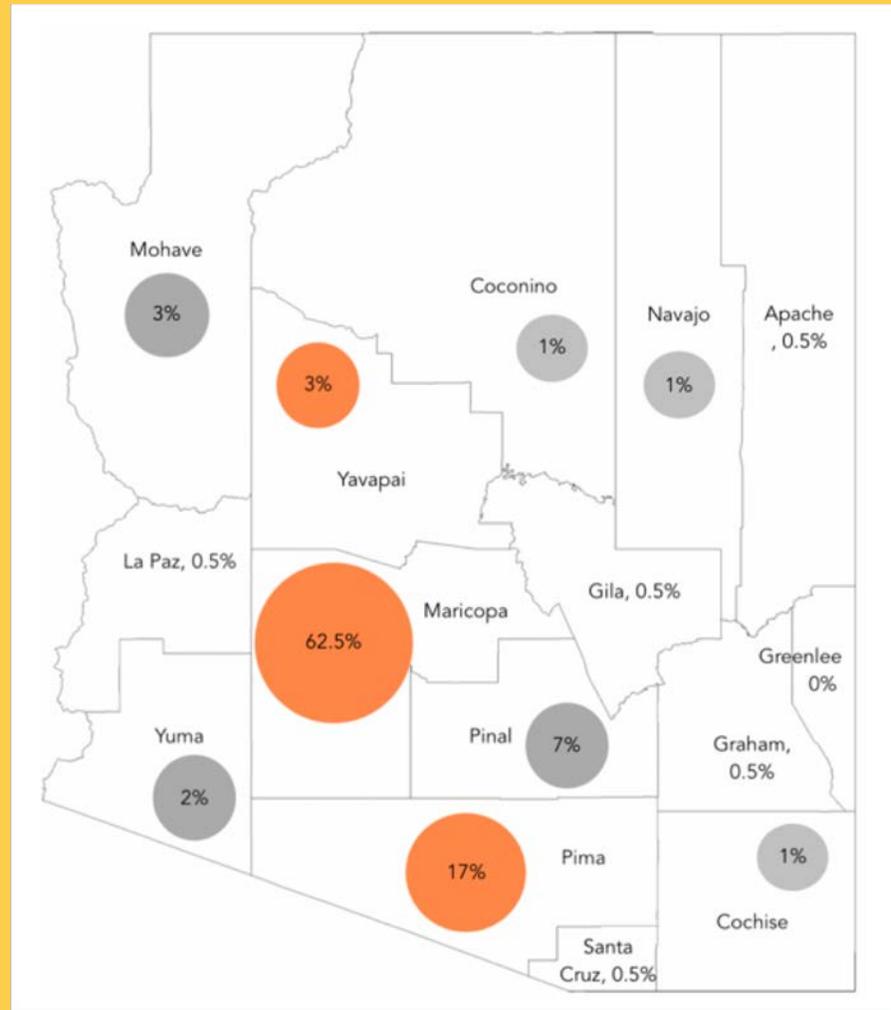
Intensive

Responsive

Universal



BUILDING CHAMPIONS FOR STUDENTS IN FOSTER CARE: FosterEd Progress Update





FosterEd Arizona Preliminary Evaluation Report

Prepared for
National Center for Youth Law

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Highlights:

Who are the youth served by FosterEd?

Who serves on their education teams?

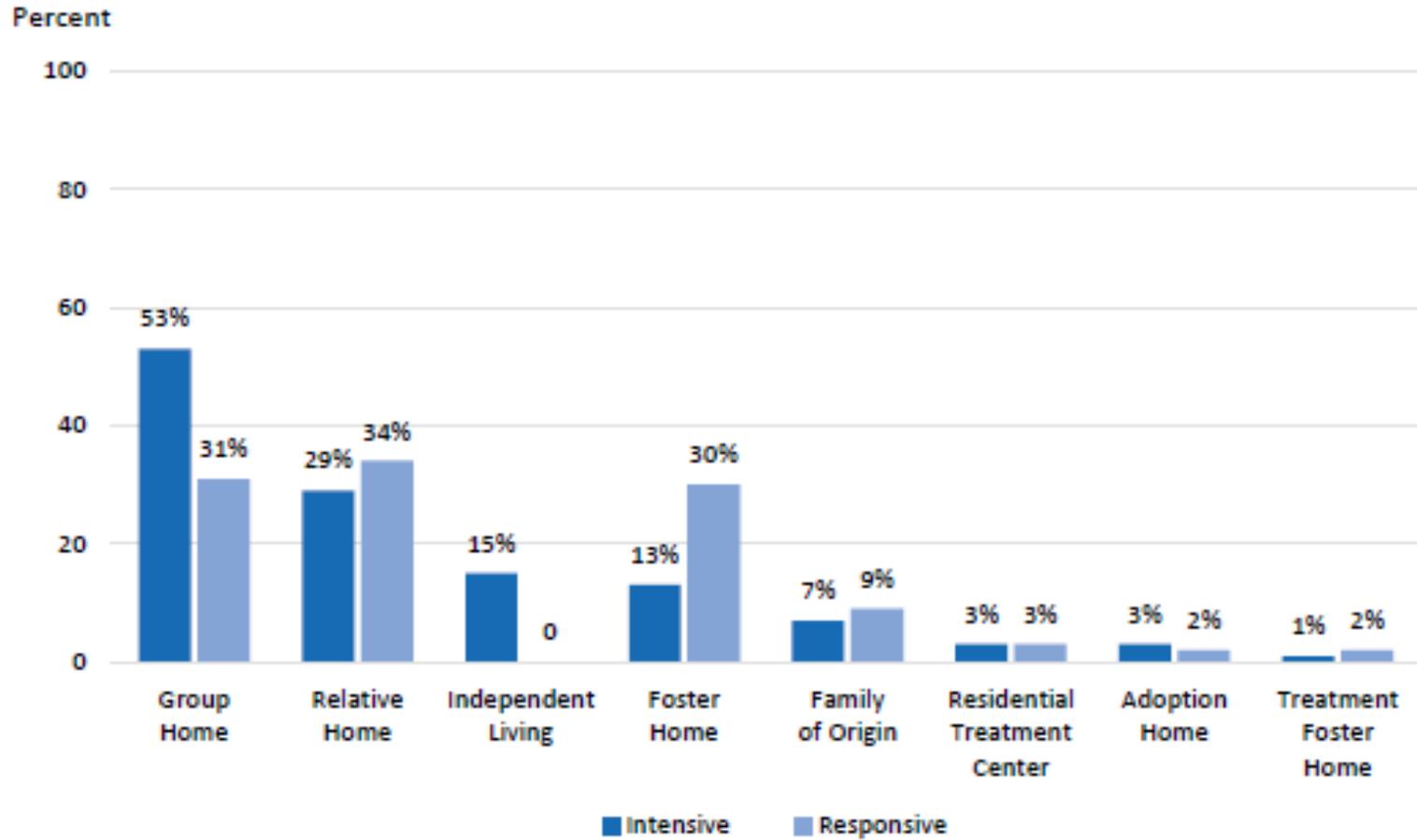
What goals have youth set with their team?

What are the educational outcomes of youth served by FosterEd? How do those outcomes compare with foster youth not served by FosterEd?



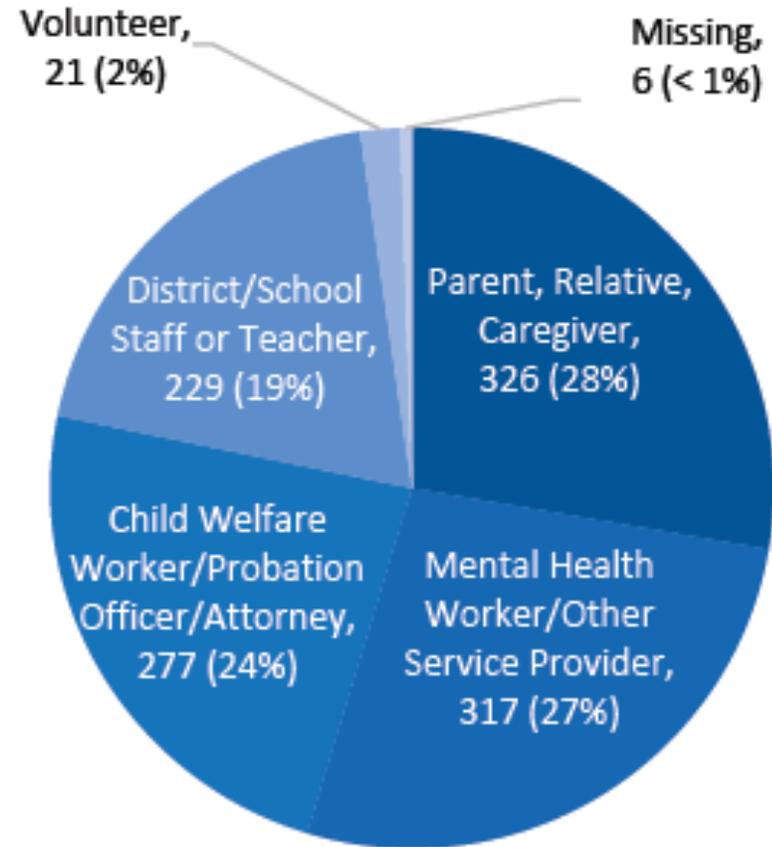
387 Arizona youth in foster care served by FosterEd

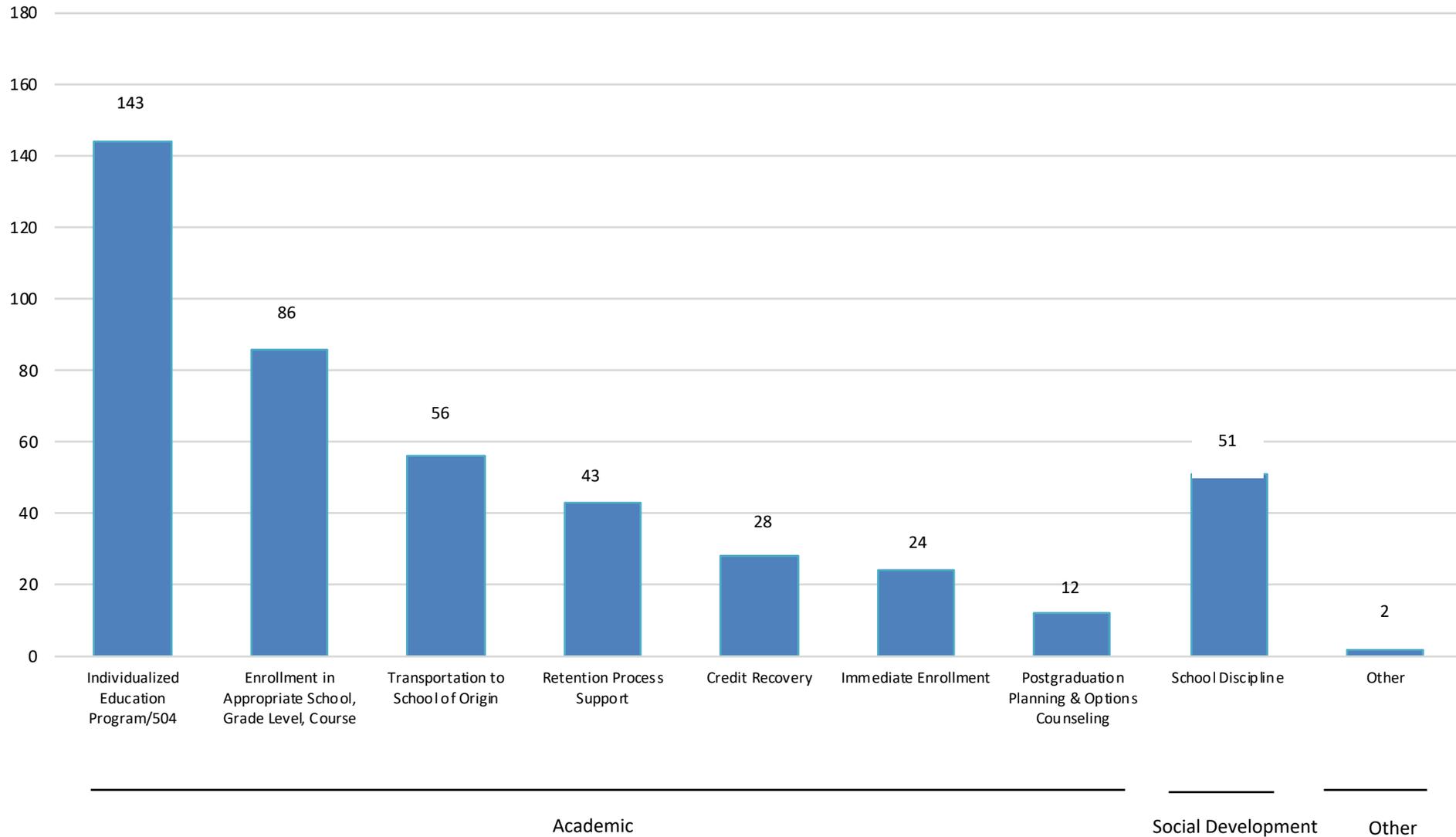
	Overall	
	Number of Students	Percent
Sex		
Female	162	42%
Male	224	58%
Other gender	1	0%
Race/ethnicity		
Black, non-Hispanic	52	13%
Hispanic ¹	167	43%
White, non-Hispanic	103	27%
Unknown/Other ²	65	17%
Child Has Special Education Needs		
Yes (either 504 or IEP)	178	46%
No (neither 504 nor IEP)	191	49%
Under evaluation ³	16	4%
No data entered	2	1%
Dependency Type		
Child welfare	359	93%
Dual status	28	7%
Total	387	100%

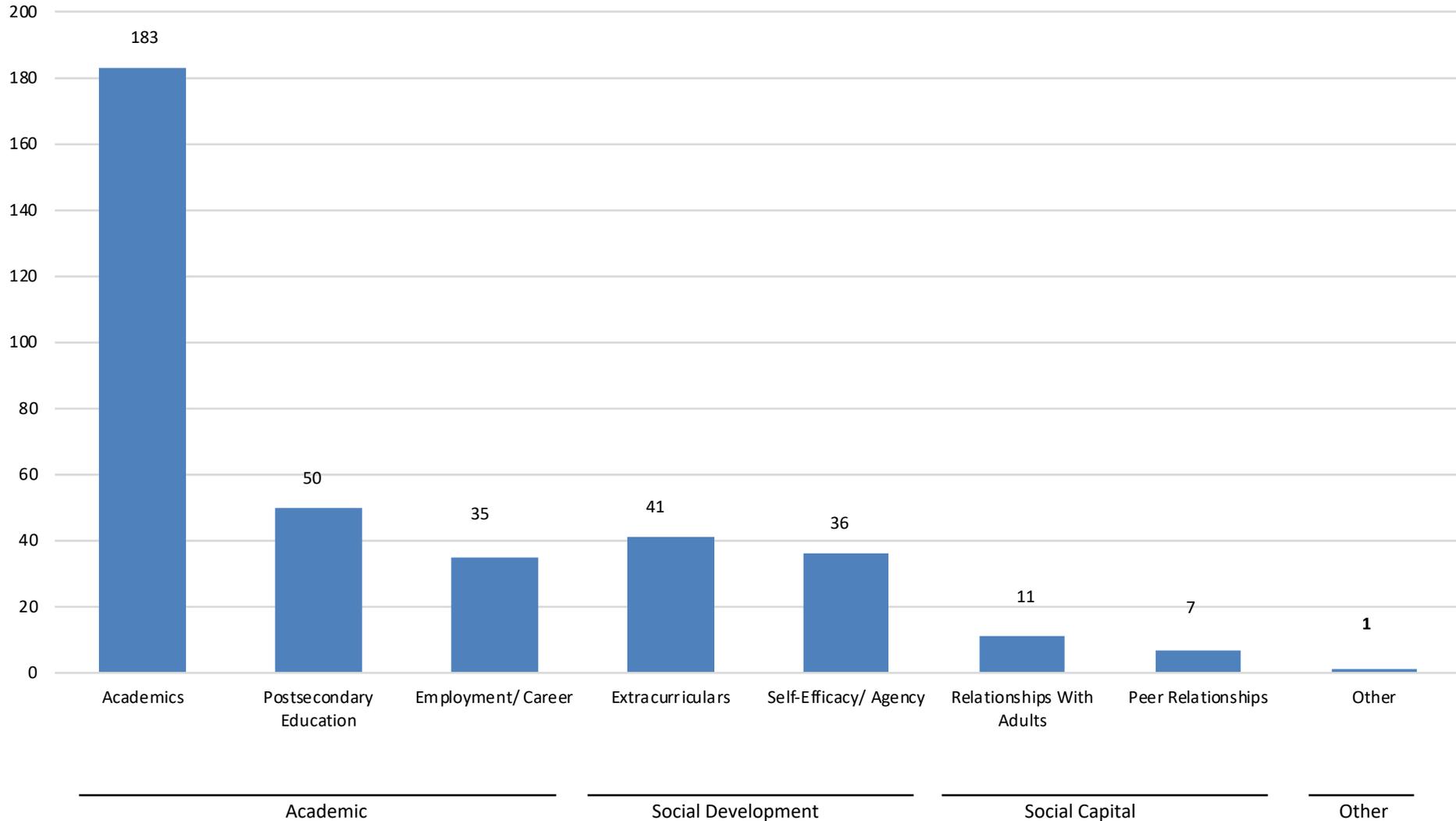




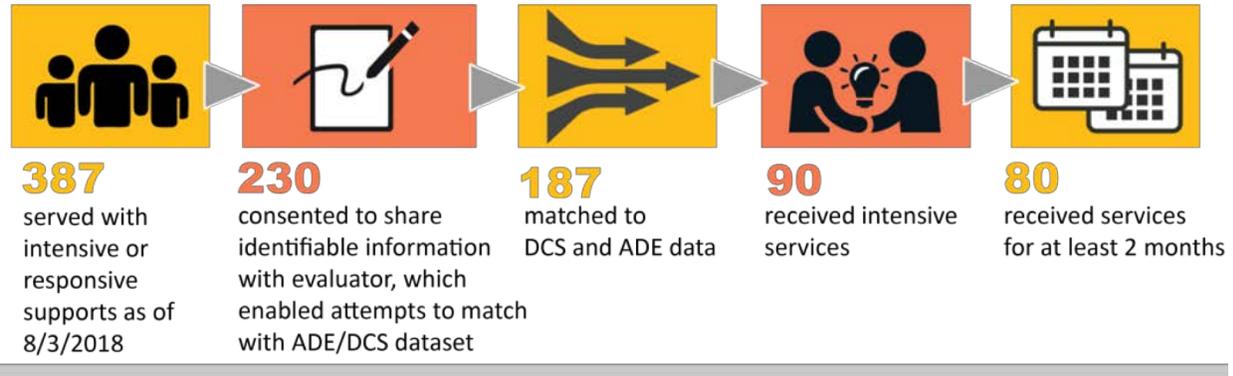
1,176 adults have served on youths' education teams



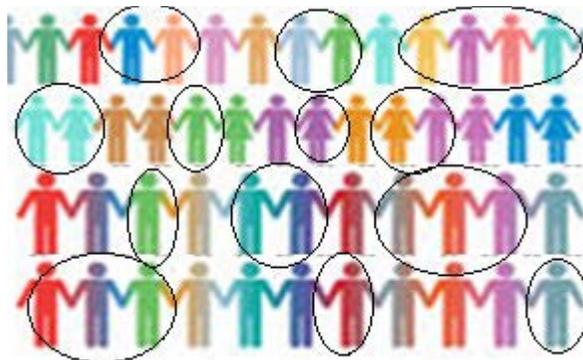




Treatment Group →



Comparison Group →



4,549 non-FosterEd youth

Enrollment, attendance, persistence

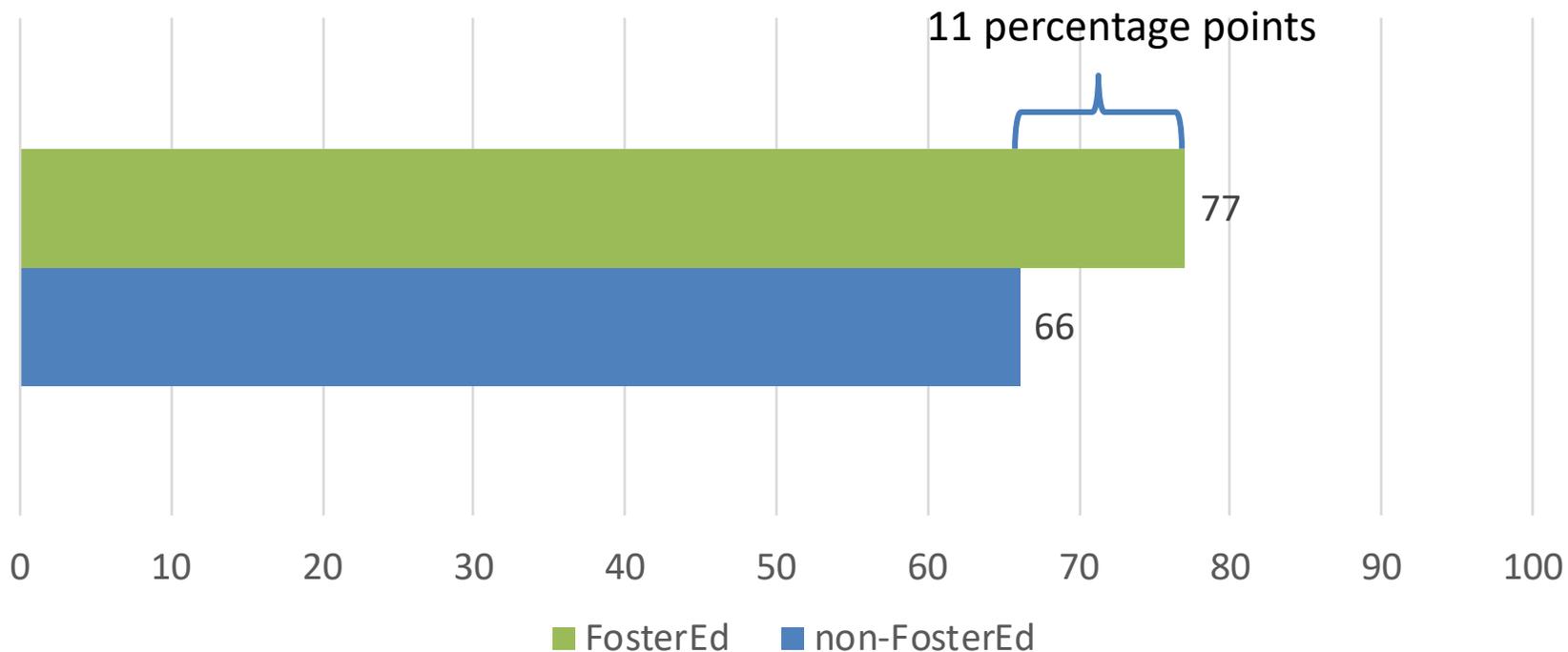
- End-of-year completion status
- Continuous enrollment
- Total out-of-school time

Standardized testing participation & achievement

- Participated in statewide testing
- Mathematics achievement
- English achievement

Enrollment, attendance, persistence

Receiving intensive FosterEd services increased the probability of a positive end-of-year status.



December 2019 Report

- Cover two academic years
- Include students served for intended length
- Social emotional wellbeing survey
- Youth feedback survey
- More nuanced education data analysis
- Examination of additional EdTeamConnect data elements



Mason's Story
The Power of Teaming



In Gratitude

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